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ARGENTINE PROGRAMMING OF SPTF CONTINUES STALLED

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1. IDB REPRESENTATIVE ALFONSO GRADOS INFORMS US THAT THERES HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING PROJECTS IN ARGENTINA FOR THE USE OF SPECIAL PROGRAM FUNDS. THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, WHICH HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIAISON ON FOREIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CONTINUES TO BE PREOCCUPIED PRIMARILY WITH ITS OWN INTERNAL ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS AND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA. THE UNDP PROGRAM IN ARGENTINA HAS ALSO BEEN AFFECTED ADVERSELY BY THE APPARENT INABILITY OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING TO FUNCTION (SEE BA 1199).

2. GRADOS REPORTS THAT HE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF USING SOME OF THE SPTF FUNDS FOR LOW COST HOUSING BUT, IN VIEW OF IDB RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF THESE FUNDS FOR FINANCING OF MATERIALS, HE IS NOT SURE THAT SUCH A PROJECT PROPOSAL WOULD MEET WITH IDB APPROVAL. HOWEVER, HE STATES THAT AN IDB PROGRAMMING MISSION LED
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BY A MR LING WILL BE COMING TO ARGENTINA NEXT WEEK AND WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLORE THIS SUBJECT IN GREATER DETAIL.

3. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARA. 4 OF REFTEL, OUR VIEWS ARE THAT:
A. ARGENTINA HAS GAPS IN RURAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL

TRAINING AND COULD APPROPRIATELY DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES TO THESE AREAS.

B. A NEW INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM WOULD NOT IMPROVE DELIVERY IN ARGENTINA BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT CORRECT THE BASIC PROBLEM: THE INABILITY OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING TO FUNCTION.

C. IN VIEW OF THE RECORD DURING THE PAST YEAR, WE ARE NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT NEW PROJECTS CAN BE READIED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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